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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PSB Meeting held Wednesday, 29 July 1953

**Present: General Smith, Messrs. Kyes, Stassen,
Dulles, Jackson, Morgan**

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1. Albania.

Our draft of paper on Albania dated 29 July 1953 was circulated and carefully read by all present. The presentation found general favor but both General Smith and Roger Kyes wanted an opportunity to have it looked over by some of their very senior people and a final decision as to procedure will be taken at the next meeting. However it was generally felt that we should proceed along the lines indicated although the exact timing of the various steps and the necessity of some of the diplomatic moves was a subject of discussion.

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2. Italy.

There was a brief discussion of the Italian situation and Harold Stassen seemed to feel that the only way out was for early general elections. Mr. Stassen mentioned that he understood the Vice President was going to bring up the subject at the next NSC meeting. Stassen seemed to think that we ought to analyze the reasons for De Gasperi's failure to get a majority and the steps which should be taken to meet this in the event that general elections should be held.

3. Thailand.

General Bedell Smith asked for one week more to consider the State comments on the Thailand paper. It was generally felt, however, that the PSB draft was preferable and that if State had doubts about the second phase they should be given an opportunity to re-present their views if and when the time came to put that phase

NSC review(s) operation.
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4. PSB Semi-Annual Report.

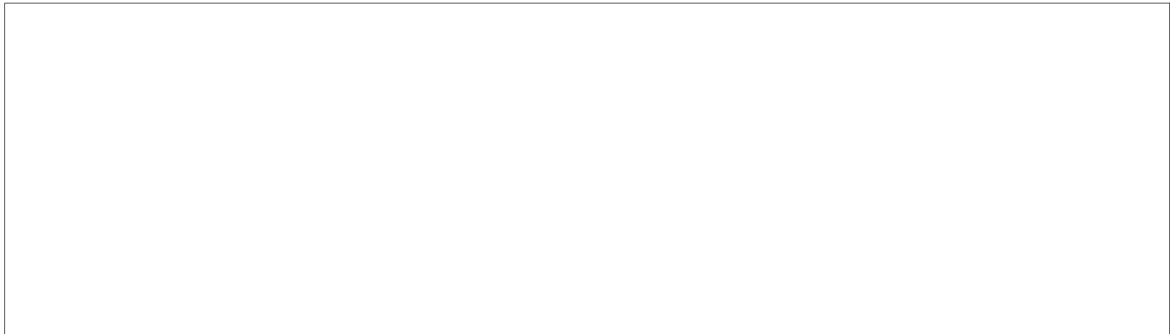
This report was approved.

5. New York City Center Ballet Tour.

The idea of sending this to Moscow was vetoed on the theory that they had much better ballets than anything we could produce.

6. Communist Influence among Students and Intellectuals.

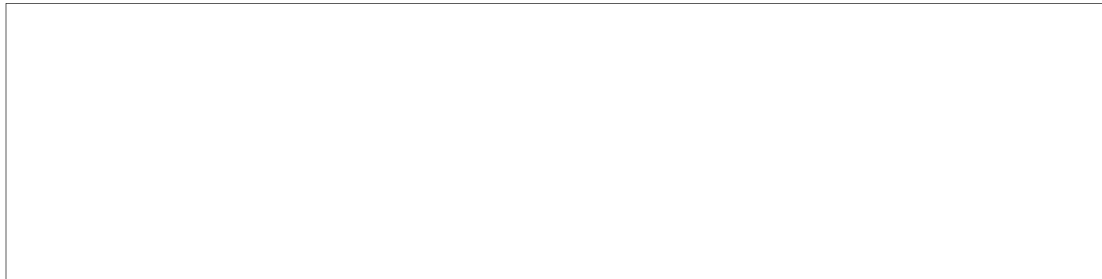
Mr. Cutler's letter was considered and the PSB report (July 27, 1953) was approved for transmission to Mr. Cutler.



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8. Prospective Visit of Chiang Ching-Kuo.

General Smith said that he personally favored the visit and suggested the matter be taken up with him if there was difficulty on the State Department side.



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11. Korea.

There was a lengthy discussion about building up our radio propaganda efforts to Korea and it was suggested that a task force should be organized to study this problem. Mr. Morgan will get in touch with Mr. Tracy Barnes on the subject.

It was reported that the President had received letters and appeals of various kinds signed by some 10,000 Chinese prisoners who did not wish to return. C. D. Jackson knows the details of these appeals and we probably should get them from him.

It was also suggested by Mr. Stassen and generally approved that we should consider the possibility of having food distribution stations in the neutral zone between the armies with a view to feeding the needy in North Korea. This was not discussed in detail and of course there may be technical difficulties and objection on the part of the neutral control commissions. However the idea may be worth following up.

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